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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, in the County of Strafford, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Durham, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, 1909, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects, viz.:

1. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, and all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay necessary town charges.

3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways and bridges.

4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of highways in accordance with an act of the Legislature of 1905, entitled, "An act to provide for state aid and for the expenditure of other public moneys in the improvement of the main highways throughout the state," and to pass any other vote in reference thereto.

5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moths.

6. To see if the town will vote to accept the property of the late Olinthus W. Doe, in accordance with the provisions of the will.

7. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

D. H. Fogg,
C. A. Smart,
W. S. Chesley,
Selectmen of Durham.

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ASSESSED VALUATION OF DURHAM.

APRIL 1, 1908.

Polls, 219	$21,900	
Lands and buildings	493,380	
Horses, 218	19,601	
Oxen, 16	1,160	
Cows, 398	11,828	
Other neat stock, 107	2,561	
Sheep, 237	1,185	
Hogs, 4	54	
Fowls, 2,020	1,010	
Carriages, 25, Autos, 7—total, 32	7,525	
Stock in public funds	9,400	
Stock in banks and other corporations in the state	16,125	
Stock in corporations out of the state	1,290	
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	3,090	
Stock in trade	14,080	
Mill and machinery	1,800	
		$605,989
Total tax list	$10,990.18	
Rate of taxation	.0180	

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax...	$1,240 00	
C. C. Goss, county tax	1,831 96	
		$3,071 96

NOTE AND INTEREST.

Paid Strafford Bank note.....	$1,000 00	
Strafford Bank, interest.....	25 00	
		$1,025 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid W. H. C. Follansby, receiver for Newmarket Electric Light, Power & Heat Co.	$634 20	
		$634 20

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid New Hampshire College....	$25 00	
		$25 00

REBATES.

Paid A. L. Comings, overtaxed on Lee school tax, 1907	$1 26	
Fred Langley, overtaxed on wood, 1908.....	1 08	
George G. Hoitt, overtaxed on water works, 1908.....	1 80	
Augusta J. Edgerly, 3 shares electric stock exempt.....	5 40	
		$9 54

ABATEMENTS.

Paid T. W. Schoonmaker on list of 1903	$1 60	
T. W. Schoonmaker on list of 1904	3 20	
T. W. Schoonmaker on list of 1905	3 60	
T. W. Schoonmaker on list of 1906	24 00	
Mark E. Willey on list of 1907	37 98	
		$70 38

SNOW BILLS.

Paid D. Chesley, breaking and sanding sidewalks, 1907-8,	$54 28	
New Hampshire College, breaking and sanding sidewalks, year ending Feb. 15, 1909	14 00	
		$88 28

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Paid H. E. Hodgdon, printing town reports	$60 00
E. C. Eastman, collector's and surveyor's books	3 80
C. E. Hayes, services as truant officer to June 27, 1908,	5 00
C. S. Langley, services as ballot clerk, Nov. election, 1908	3 00

Paid Warren C. Hayes, services as ballot clerk, Nov. election, 1908.....	$3 00
Edgar D. Chesley, services as ballot clerk, Nov. election, 1908.....	3 00
James S. Bickford, services as supervisor, Mar. and Nov. elections, 1908.....	12 00
Ira B. Hill, services as supervisor, March and Nov. elections, 1908.....	12 00
D. Albert Watson, services as supervisor for 1907-8.....	18 00
Geo. W. Parker, services as police officer for July 3-4, 1908.....	5 00
J. Edwin M. Smart, services as police officer for July 3-4, 1908	5 00
A.W. Griffiths, deputy sheriff services, July 4, 1908.....	2 50
Elmer Clark, deputy sheriff services and expense, July 3, 1908.....	4 00
J. Edwin M. Smart, services as police officer, November election, 1908.....	2 00
Mark E. Willey, services as police officer, 1908.....	20 00
D. H. Fogg, time and expense to Concord to settle state tax	5 00
D. H. Fogg, services as selectman.....	40 00

Paid C. A. Smart, services as selectman.....	$40 00	
Wilbert S. Chesley, services as selectman.....	40 00	
C. E. Hayes, services as tax collector.....	50 00	
Fred W. Morse, salary of school board.....	50 00	
W. S. Edgerly, services as town treasurer.....	25 00	
W. S. Edgerly, services as district treasurer.....	25 00	
Chas. Wentworth, services as town clerk.....	46 90	
C. H. Pettee, auditor.....	2 00	
P. J. Connor, auditor.....	2 00	
		$484 20

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE.

Paid H. E. Hodgdon, printing brown tail moth notices, 1907.....	$2 00
Kivel & Hughes, legal services, 1907	25 00
Mell Crouse, repairing road machine.....	1 50
W. H. Donavon, burying hog	2 00
Ira B. Hill, water service, 1907.....	3 00
Lucien Thompson, water service, 1908.....	3 00
Ira B. Hill, water service, 1908.....	3 00

Paid Orrin M. James, 1-2 expense of setting stone on gravel bank lot, conveyance to and from work, making print and material for same.....	$4 90
Mark E. Willey, posting fire notices.....	4 50
D. H. Fogg, services collecting inventory blanks.....	3 00
C. E. Hayes, stationery, postage and tax bills.... ...	7 41
W. S. Edgerly, postage for the year.....	4 00
C. A. Smart, wood for selectmen's office.....	4 50
C. H. Lock, making survey and plan of gravel bank..	7 00
Albert DeMeritt, services relative to gravel bank in Lee.....	12 50
Selectmen's express, postage and telephone charges....	10 36
North East Metal Culvert Co. 2 metal road culverts.....	24 40
Silas Jenkins, Memorial day expenses.....	25 00
C. L. Jenness, Akron sewer pipe.....	48 40
J. B. Smith, B. & A. dividends, 1907.....	113 75
F. E. Doe, insurance on town building for three years..	56 25
A. E. Grant, disinfecting house of W. D. Gibbs, Point school house, room at John Smith's and house of Joseph Cyrs.....	18 50

Paid A. E. Grant, returning births and deaths	$3 75	
A. E. Grant, sending water samples to Concord	1 50	
		$389 22

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid M. G. Woodman, labor on highway, 1907	$9 37
Geo. S. Caverno, labor on highway, 1907	10 00
A. E. Meserve, labor on highway in Dist. No. 8, 1907	22 50
J. Edwin M. Smart, labor on sidewalks	1 11
Chas. L. Gray, relaying culvert	3 75
C. F. Pendergast, labor on highway	8 00
S. W. Lovering, labor on highway	3 00
Edgar D. Chesley, labor on highway	8 00
J. M. R. Adams, labor on highway	14 01
C. A. Smart, labor on highway	6 00
I. B. Hill, labor on highway	10 40
C. F. Berry, 2009 feet bridge plank	50 22
Silas Jenkins, laying cobble gutters in front of houses of A. L. Comings and labor on highway	67 45
M. G. Woodman, labor and expense on highway, 1908,	19 50

Prid H. S. Tuttle, repairing state road on Flats.....	$81 50
H. S. Tuttle, laying cobble gutter on hill near Falls bridge.....	133 13
James D. Meader, labor and expense in District No. 1	155 52
Chas. S. Langley, labor and expense in Dist. No. 2....	128 68
P. J. Connor, repairing highway in Dist. No. 3.....	45 00
C. I. Smart, repairing highway in Dist. No. 4.....	91 60
Chas. L. Gray, repairing highway in Dist. No. 5.....	24 40
S. P. Chesley, repairing highway in Dist. No. 6.....	112 33
Silas Jenkins, repairing highway in Dist. No. 7.....	200 18
Andrew E. Meserve, repairing highway in Dist. No.8	122 63
Andrew E. Meserve, 1288 ft. bridge plank.....	25 76
Herman M. Hanscom, repairing highway in Dist. No.9	74 15
F. P. Philbrick, repairing highway in Dist. No. 10..	40 00
Andrew Bell, repairing highway in Dist. No. 11.....	78 83
Edward B. Griffiths, repairing highway in Dist. No. 12..	35 00
L. R. Philbrick, repairing highway in Dist. No. 13..	25 53
Geo. S. Caverno, reparing highway in Dist. No. 14..	70 35

Paid H. S. Tuttle, repairing highway in Dist. No. 15.....	$175 00	
D. Chesley, labor and expense on highway.....	150 70	
		$2,003 60

STATE ROAD.

Paid H. S. Tuttle, building.....	$1,280 92	
D. H. Fogg, inspector.....	15 00	
		$1,295 92
Town contribution.....	$903 00	
State contribution.....	361 20	
Total joint fund.....	$1,264 20	
Part of fund disbursed by state engineer.....	36 55	
	$1,227 65	
Additional expense.....	68 27	
		$1,295 92

DOG DAMAGE.

Paid Vienna M. Jackson, three hens killed.....	$1 50
Thomas J. Davis, one lamb killed.....	2 50
Albert DeMeritt, one sheep killed.....	5 00
Sarah J. Woodman, one sheep killed.....	5 00
E. S. Carpenter, twenty-four sheep killed, ten sheep injured, 1907.....	174 00
D. H. Fogg, assessing dog damage	3 00

Paid W. S. Chesley, assessing dog damage	$3 00	
C. A. Smart, assessing dog damage	3 00	
		$197 00

CEMETERIES.

Paid Mark E. Willey, care of Simpson cemetery	$3 00	
John M. Gooch, care of Griffiths cemetery	5 00	
T.W.Lovering, care of Woodman cemetery	4 00	
J. B. Smith, care of Wilson and Furness	7 04	
		$19 04

BROWN-TAIL MOTH.

Paid R. H. Emerson, picking moth nests	$13 75
Chas. Ladderbush, picking moth nests	6 00
Chas. W. Ellison, picking moth nests	2 60
D. Albert Watson, picking moth nests	35 00
R. W. Scott, picking moth nests	12 75
R. S. Otis, picking moth nests	2 00
Leon Otis, picking moth nests	2 00
M. E. Willey, picking moth nests	5 00
John H. Keniston, picking moth nests	4 00

Paid J. Edwin M. Smart, picking moth nests	$8 00	
William H. Dunaven, picking moth nests	1 00	
John H. Griffin, material	79	
C. A. Smart, services of self and team, four days	12 00	
D. H. Fogg, services of self and team, three days	9 00	
W. S. Chesley, services of self and team, two days	6 00	
		$119 89

TABLE SHOWING WHERE BROWN-TAIE MOTH NESTS WERE PICKED.

J. M. R. Adams	$22 00	
W. E. Fernald	15 35	
C. M. Weed	2 00	
Lucien Thompson	9 79	
Herman Hanscom	1 50	
Martha Stevens	2 75	
Carrie Drake	50	
J. T. Bickford	50	
A. DeMeritt	1 50	
Sarah Doeg, heirs	2 00	
Eugene Moore	10 00	
John Mathes, heirs	7 00	
J. H. Stevens	5 00	
Natt F. Stevens	5 00	
Mark H. Mathes	3 00	
Lucetta Davis, heirs	5 00	
Selectmen's expenses	27 00	
		$119 89
Amount assessed upon property owners and included in tax levy		$52 25
Amount expended by town		$67 64

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount by law required.....	$1,860 00	
Amount raised in school meeting:		
For schools.....	1,100 00	
For repairs.....	900 00	
For insurance.....	100 00	
Assessed for tuition.....	700 00	
Received from state:		
Literary fund.....	98 28	
		$4,758 28
Paid W. S. Edgerly.....	$4,175 00	
Balance in town treasury.....	583 28	
		$4,758 28

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid R. E. Lane.....	$ 85	
Rand, McNally & Co.....	64	
William S. Beard.....	50	
Charlotte A. Tower	2 00	
William H. Day	3 00	
Oval and Koster.....	6 75	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	5 38	
D. C Heath & Co.....	1 05	
F. P. Morrison.....	4 85	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	25 94	
Parker P. Simmons.....	5 58	
Edward E. Babb & Co	130 09	
		$186 63

RECAPITULATION.

State and county tax.....	$3,071 96
Note and interest.....	1,025 00
Street lights.....	634 20

Public library	25 00	
Rebates	9 54	
Abatements	70 38	
Snow bills	68 28	
General expenses	484 20	
Miscellaneous expenses	389 22	
Highways	2,003 60	
State road	1,295 92	
Dog damage	197 00	
Brown-tail moths	119 89	
School money	4,175 00	
School books and supplies	186 63	
Cemeteries	19 04	
Cash in town treasury	816 24	
		$14,591 10

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN OF DURHAM, FEB. 15, 1908.

LIABILITIES.

G. F. T. A. dividends	$113 75	
Balance due school board	583 28	
		$697 03

ASSETS.

Due on collector's list, 1904	$1 60	
" " " 1906	63 06	
" " " 1908	990 63	
Cash in town treasury	816 24	
		$1,871 53

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Durham, certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. H. PETTEE,
P. J. CONNER, } Auditors.

D. H. FOGG,
C. A. SMART,
W. S. CHESLEY, } Selectmen.

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand		$398 37
T. W. Schoonmaker, tax collector, 1903 abatement		1 60
T. W. Schoonmaker, tax collector, 1904 abatement		3 20
T. W. Schoonmaker, tax collector, 1905 abatement		3 60
T. W. Schoonmaker, tax collector, 1906 list	8 50	
T. W. Schoonmaker, tax collector, 1906 abatements	24 00	
		$32 50
Frank E. Willey, tax collector, 1907 list	$933 68	
Frank E. Willey, tax collector, 1907, interest	39 95	
Frank E. Willey, tax collector, 1907, abatements	37 98	
		$1,011 61
C. E. Hayes, tax collector, 1908 list	$10,004 95	
C. E. Hayes, tax collector, 1908, interest	16 96	
		$10,021 91
Hired of Strafford National Bank		1,000 00
Boston & Albany R. R. dividends, 1908, G. F. T. A		113 75

State treasurer, railroad tax	$390 20
" " savings bank tax	803 41
" " literary fund	98 28
" " proportion of school money	150 00
" " highway improvement	324 65
Charles Wentworth, town clerk, dog licenses	155 82
Charles Wentworth town clerk, pool table licenses	19 00
Withdrawn from bank, Woodman legacy	4 00
" " " Griffith's legacy	5 00
" " " Simpson legacy	3 00
" " " Furness legacy	3 52
" " " Wilson legacy	3 52
L. B. Bunker, lumber	4 16
A. E. Meserve, rent of store	40 00
	$14,591 10

CASH PAYMENTS.

Highways	$2,003 60	
Street lights	634 20	
Schools	4,175 00	
Miscellaneous	389 22	
General expenses	484 20	
Books and supplies	186 63	
Snow bills	68 28	
Dog damage	197 00	
Notes and interest	1,025 00	
Rebates	9 54	
State tax	1,240 00	
County tax	1,831 96	
Public library	25 00	
Abatements	70 38	
Brown tail moths	119 89	
Cemeteries	19 04	
State road	1,295 92	
Cash on hand	816 24	
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TRUST FUNDS HELD BY THE TOWN OF DURHAM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GEORGE FFROST LEGACY.

Dividends for 1907 on hand Feb. 10th, 1908, as per report.....	$113 75	
Dividends for 1908.....	113 75	
		$227 50
Paid Joshua B. Smith, treasurer, George Ffrost Temperance association		113 75
Balance due G. F. T. A. dividends for 1908.....		$113 75

WOODMAN LEGACY.

On deposit book A 16,175, Strafford Savings Bank.....	$300 00	
Jan. 1st, 1909, to accrued interest.	18 42	
		$318 42
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1908.....		4 00
		$314 42
Accrued interest not withdrawn...		14 42

GRIFFITHS LEGACY.

On deposit book A 16,176, Strafford Savings Bank.....	$300 00	
Jan. 1st, 1909, to accrued interest.	123 79	
		$423 79

Paid town for care of cemetery, 1908		$5 00
		$418 79
Accrued interest not withdrawn...		118 79

SIMPSON LEGACY.

On deposit, book A, 6 088, Strafford Savings Bank.....	$100 00	
Jan. 1st, 1909, to accrued interest.	4 21	
		$104 21
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1908.....		3 00
		$101 21
Accrued interest not withdrawn.....		1 21

WILSON LEGACY.

On deposit book A, 15,219, Strafford National Bank.	$100 00	
Jan. 1st, 1909, to accrued interest.	3 52	
		$103 52
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1908.....		3 52
		$100 00

FURNESS LEGACY.

On deposit book A, 12,478, Strafford Savings Bank.....	$100 00	
Jan. 1st, 1909, to accrued interest.	3 52	
		$103 52
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1908.....		$3 52

HAYES LEGACY.

On deposit book A 19,183, Strafford Savings Bank.....	$100 00	
Jan. 1st, 1909, to accrued interest.	2 94	
		$102 94
Accrued interest not withdrawn...		2 94

WALTER S. EDGERLY,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Durham, certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer, and find them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

C. H. PETTEE, } Auditors.
P. J. CONNOR, }

GEORGE FFROST TEMPERANCE ASS'N.

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

In treasury, Feb. 15, 1908	$14 25	
Boston & Albany R. R. dividends, 1907	113 75	
Assessments.....	33 00	
		$161 00

EXPENDITURES.

Benefits to members.....	$120 00	
Incidentals.....	12 15	
In treasury, Feb. 15, 1909.....	28 85	
		$161 00
Income from George Ffrost Fund	$1,318 51	
Membership fees.....	158 35	
		$1,476 86
Amount on interest	$1,448 01	
In treasury, Feb 15, 1909.....	28 85	
		$1,476 86

J. B. SMITH,

Treasurer.

Durham, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

HAMILTON SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY,

NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE, DURHAM, N. H.

FEBRUARY, 20, 1909.

MR. CHARLES WENTWORTH,

Clerk of Town of Durham, Durham, N. H.,

DEAR SIR:—

In accordance with the conditions of the library consolidation contract, I submit herewith a report on the Hamilton Smith Public Library for the period February 15, 1908, to Feb. 15, 1909.

The annual appropriation by the town of Durham of twenty-five dollars for the year 1907 was expended for books as shown in the following statement:

Feb. 8, 1908, DeWolfe & Fiske Co., Boston, Mass.	$7 20	
June 2, 1908, DeWolfe & Fiske Co., Boston, Mass.	1 83	
Jan. 23, 1908, Tabard Inn Library	12 90	
June 23, 1908, Tabard Inn Library	3 03	
June 30, 1908, College, English dept	04	
		$25 00

The annual appropriation for the year 1908 was received Feb. 12, 1909, and the report upon its use must be deferred until the next annual report.

The work of organization of the consolidated library has been carried on as rapidly as could be done in connection with the routine work of the library. More than two thousand volumes have been reclassified and catalogued.

The following table shows the circulation, accessions, etc., for the year:

Volumes added during year,		
Through Town of Durham...	39	
Through Durham Library Association	383	
Through New Hampshire College of A. & M. Arts.....	770	
		1,192
Volumes in library		24,500
Periodical and newspaper subscriptions for reading room.....		60
Average weekly circulation		183
Total circulation for year		9,563

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL HODGKINS,
Librarian.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the School District of Durham, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said district on Saturday, the thirteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and nine, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing two years.
5. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To see what sum of money the district will raise in addition to that required by law, for the support of public schools and repairs of school houses.
7. To see if the district will vote to remodel the village school house in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by J. E. Richardson, architect, and to appropriate a sum of money for said purpose.
8. To see if the district will authorize the school board to hire such sums of money as may be needed to carry out the provisions of Article 7.
9. To choose such auditors, agents and committees as the voters may deem necessary for the management of the affairs of the district.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Durham, this 20th day of February, 1909.

CHARLES S. LANGLEY,
FRED W. MORSE,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The most important result of the past year was the establishment of supervision by forming a union with the towns of Greenland, Newington and North Hampton, which was accomplished in November. Two other attempts had been made without success, during the summer; first with Somersworth and next with the towns of Atkinson, Hudson and Salem. The latter attempt bade fair to be successful and Mr. J. E. Wignot, superintendent of schools in the three towns, served us acceptably for six weeks, but felt obliged to ask to be relieved as the district would be too large if the organization was completed.

In the supervisory district to which Durham now belongs, Mr. O. H. Adams is superintendent. He is a gentleman of much experience, both as teacher and supervisor, and will give this town five school days per month as its share of his services. His report of the condition of the schools, as he finds them, is appended to this report.

Another important act of the board was the reopening of the Mast Road school. Early in the year the board was requested, by residents of that section, to re-open the school. A hearing was given at the school house, at which every family residing in that section was represented, and they unanimously asked for the privilege of a school. The board decided that it was justifiable, since there were eleven children of school age within the original district and several younger ones, who would later go to the school. Furthermore, the primary room at the Village school was certain to be filled by the children of the village. Accordingly the school house was thoroughly repaired at considerable expense, to overcome the neglect of years and the school re-

opened. The board regrets to say, however, that when the term began, two children had just removed from town, and four children were sent by their parents to schools out of town. Yet it is the opinion of the board that their section of the district is entitled to a school until such time when the district decides to abandon the building and allow it to revert to the owner of the adjoining farm. The board takes pleasure in acknowledging the interest shown in this school by some of the families.

While there is much to be said about the economy and efficiency of large centralized schools, it is not the type of school to develop the best there is in the child and will not be the ideal rural school.

Without repeating the history of the special school meeting of last June, the board desires to state that on account of that meeting, it was deemed unwise to expend any more money on the repairs of the Village school-house than was absolutely necessary to protect the property from the weather and insure the health of the pupils. It is proper, however, to call attention to the conditions in their school, in the matter of space. The large room was made the grammar room and will barely accommodate fifty pupils. At present there are forty-one in the school. The Intermediate room can seat thirty-two and there are twenty six in the school. The primary room has forty seats in it, which are more than is comfortable for teacher and pupils, but they are all required. It is possible that the number of children may remain nearly stationery for several years; but the town is anticipating expansion within a brief period, and it is clearly to be seen that any marked increase will be more than the Village school can accommodate.

The number of pupils attending high schools is steadily increasing and will make a marked gain next fall. At present there are fifteen high school pupils

and the number will probably be doubled next fall, as there are about twenty pupils in our eighth grades this year. Such a large proportion of children who are planning for a higher education than our schools afford, makes it necessary to maintain our schools on as high a level as the Dover schools. To do this requires an expenditure for teachers and supplies not less than those of the current year.

The board wishes to express its hearty appreciation of the earnest, enthusiastic work of the teachers during the year, which has inspired equally earnest work on the part of the pupils.

It was with the utmost regret that the present members of the board were obliged to finish the year without its third member, Rev. W. S. Beard, who entered enthusiastically into his work with us and with whom there was the fullest harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. LANGLEY,
FRED W. MORSE,
School Board of Durham.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENT OF SCHOOLS.

GENTLENEN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD:

I herewith submit my first annual report as superintendent of the public schools in Durham.

The time of my service with you, less than three months, is so short that I can give but a superficial statement of the more patent facts as I have found them. Among the first impressions are the earnestness of teachers and the splendid spirit of parents and pupils towards the schools. The work is well organized showing careful administration by school boards and former superintendents. The Dover course of study is followed quite closely particularly in the upper grades. This has simplified many problems at the outset.

The wisdom of consolidation of schools into centers with careful grading and saving of energy and expense is quite widely recognized today. This requires no argument as I believe the School District of Durham has generally acted according to this policy. This year a school is being maintained at Mast Road with but five scholars.

While it may be a saving of distance for the few children who attend there, a school of five scholars cannot in any case do good work. Neither can a teacher in such a school prove herself be she ever so wise and skilful. Unless there is a reasonable surety of an addition being made to the numbers in this school, an increase of ten at the lowest, it would be better to close this school in the near future and have the children attend the Center school.

The need of repairs and changes in the Center school building is so apparent and the sentiment of the town so favorable to making changes of some kind, that I do not need to comment. When these changes are made, provision should be made for a fourth room which will become a necessity very soon, probably during the coming year. Whenever this need arises, a fourth room should be in readiness for immediate use. Only one of the three rooms now in use is well adapted to the present needs. A four-room building with plenty of light and space, and well equipped is the greatest need of the Durham schools.

As a stranger, knowing nothing of the schools till late in the fall, I found some difficulty in learning what material, books and supplies, was available for the use of the schools and considerable of my time and energy to date has been spent in becoming familiar with these details. With the careful and hearty assistance of the teachers a partial inventory has been made. With some present value this will become more so as it is completed. It is good business policy to keep all stock on hand, or most of it, at work and not to allow any considerable part of it to become "dead." By the advise of the school board a large number of books, the accummulations of many years have been collected at the center, carefully sorted, valuable ones put into use, and others disposed of to advantage.

I have found several series of books on the same subject in the schools and this has led to some confusion as pupils change from one district to another. It is wise to provide the teacher with all supplementary material possible, but in a small town it is better that a uniform series should be used in each subject for use by the pupils. A slight beginning has been made to simplify these matters and it can be easily adjusted if a uniform policy is continued in the management of the schools.

New maps are needed throughout the system and the regular demand for new and fresh material will undoubtedly be made the coming year as in the past, but these can be supplied in efficiency and the stock kept up to requirements if each year an appropriation of approximately $2.00 per pupil is made. This is about the average for most towns in this part of the state and would seem to be most reasonable if we consider the cost per pupil to the individual family in the days when free text books and supplies were not furnished. This appropriation will, if carefully expended, soon equip the schools with all needed books and supplies and keep them so. It is one of the duties of your superintendent to so recommend and distribute these supplies and to direct their use that no considerable quantity will be out of use any year. My time has been spent largely in studying conditions and in becoming acquainted with the teachers and pupils. It is too early and out of place to speak of results in the schools except as I can see the excellent results of former administrations.

Durham, in common with many other towns, has evidently suffered from a frequent change of teachers. As a result, no continued policy has been followed, as is apparent to the careful observer. Perhaps this shows more in the reading in the first four grades than in any other department. Children at the end of the fourth grade should be able to read with some intelligence and ability almost any of the daily papers, or any of the common reading to be met with in daily life. How often do we find that pupils from the eighth grade and even in the high school stage cannot do this. I believe that an improvement may be looked for in this work with the present able corps of teachers to continue the work.

I shall be in Durham every Tuesday when the schools are in session and occasionally shall endeavor to be in

town over night, when it would seem desirable. Parents and others desiring to meet me for school business can do so by leaving word with the grammar principal or by postal at the Durham post office.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. Adams,
Superintendent of Schools.

Durham, N. H., February 6, 1909.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1907-08.

Whole number of different pupils registered during the year	147
Boys	70
Girls	77
Whole number of different pupils who attended at least two weeks during the year	144
Boys	68
Girls	76
Number of pupils attending high school whose tuition was paid by the town	14
Average membership in all schools together	122.4
Average attendance	110.6
Average absence	11.8
Per cent of attendance	90.35
Number of children in the district Oct. 1, 1908, between the ages of 5 and 16 years	160
Boys	75
Girls	85

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE DURHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909.

AVAILABLE SCHOOL MONEY.

Cash on hand	$74 75	
Amount required by law	1,860 00	
Amount raised for schools	1,100 00	
Amount raised for repairs	900 00	
Amount raised for insurance	100 00	
Amount assessed for tuition	700 00	
Literary fund	98 28	
Hired of Newmarket Nat'l Bank	350 00	
Refunded from Dover high school	29 00	$5,212 03
Balance due from town		583 28
		$4,628 75

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	$74 75	
Received from town treasurer	4,175 00	
Hired of Newmarket Nat'l Bank	350 00	
Refunded from Dover High school	29 00	
		$4,628 75

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	$2,118 99
Janitors	155 65
Tuitions	634 50
Superintendent	112 50
Cleaning school houses	24 00
Fuel	172 12

Miscellaneous	$119 47	
Repairs	555 62	
Transportation	165 00	
Carrying water	9 50	
Insurance	98 00	
Note and interest	357 53	
Cash on hand	105 87	
		$4,628 75

TEACHERS.

VILLAGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Winter, Clara M. Watson	$75 00	
Spring, Charlotte A. Tower	150 00	
Fall, Charlotte A. Tower	233 33	
Winter, Charlotte A. Tower	66 66	
		$524 99

VILLAGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Winter, Eugenie S. Schelde	$66 00	
Spring, Eugenie S. Schelde	110 00	
Fall, Eugenie S. Schelde	161 00	
Winter, Eugenie S. Schelde	46 00	
		$383 00

VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Winter, Nellie E. Webster	$66 00	
Spring, Nellie E. Webster	115 00	
Fall, Nellie E. Webster	168 00	
Winter, Nellie E. Webster	48 00	
		$397 00

POINT SCHOOL.

Winter, Marion H. Bradford	$110 00	
Spring, Marion H. Bradford	110 00	
Fall, Cora A. Libbey	140 00	
Winter, Cora A. Libbey	40 00	
		$400 00

PACKER'S FALLS SCHOOL.

Winter, Mabel E. Canney.....	$45 00	
Spring, Mabel E Canney.....	80 00	
Fall, Clara B. Hopkins.....	104 00	
Winter, Clara B. Hopkins.....	32 00	
		$261 00

MAST ROAD SCHOOL.

Fall, Millie M. Comings.....	$117 00	
Winter, Millie M. Comings.....	36 00	
		$153 00

JANITORS.

C. E. Hayes, "Village".....	$122 00	
Elmer L. Rand, "Point".....	19 15	
Mabel E. Canney, "Packer's Falls"	10 00	
R. A. Parker, "Packer's Falls"..	4 50	
		$155 65

TUITIONS.

Dover High School.....	$600 00	
Newmarket Lower Grade.....	18 50	
Madbury.....	16 00	
		$634 50

SUPERINTENDENT.

J. E. Wignot.....	$37 50	
O. H. Adams.....	75 00	
		$112 50

CLEANING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Chas. H. Berry, "Village".....	$5 00	
John W. Berry, "Mast Road"....	5 00	
John W. Berry, "Packer's Falls"	4 00	
John W. Berry, "Village"	10 00	
		$24 00

FUEL.

A. E. Meserve, wood and coal....	$156 62	
C. A. Smart, wood.....	13 00	
C. S. Langley, wood.....	2 50	
		$172 12

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. E. Hayes, janitors' supplies....	$10 85	
Mabel E. Canney.....	55	
School Board, expense of hiring teachers.....	22 15	
New Hampshire College, grading	13 00	
W. S. Beard, telephoning, etc....	4 17	
Nellie E. Webster, travelling expenses.....	2 00	
Eugenie S. Schelde, travelling expenses.....	2 50	
Charles Wentworth, lettering diplomas.....	2 80	
Fred H. Foss, glass for pictures ..	1 40	
John W. Berry, furniture.....	1 50	
Warren C. Hayes, enumerating children.....	10 00	
H. E. Hodgdon, printing.....	10 00	
The Marshall Press, printing.....	2 75	
George J. Foster & Co., printing.	4 00	
F. H. Pinkham, printing.....	2 70	
W. S. Edgerly, janitors' supplies	7 36	
C. S. Langley, labor, etc.....	3 35	
Forrest K. Dame, grading.....	3 50	
F. P. Morrison, teaming, etc.....	5 65	
O. H. Adams, express, etc.....	1 87	
W. C. Swan, repairs on organ....	5 75	
F. W. Morse, express, etc.....	1 62	
		$119 47

REPAIRS.

John W. Berry,	"Mast Road"...	$41 04	
John J. Bunker,	" ...	51 62	
J. Herbert Seavey,	" ...	13 03	
E. J. York,	" ...	48 41	
D. Foss & Son,	" ...	1 70	
W. S. Edgerly,	" ...	16 76	
D. Chesley & Co.,	" ...	78 06	
John H. Griffin,	" ...	9 67	
Charles H. Berry,	"Village"....	5 00	
F. E. Doe,	"	1 93	
J. Edw. Richardson,	"	100 00	
A. L. Worthen,	"	6 00	
John W. Berry,	"	82 96	
Littlefield & Frary,	"	3 30	
J. Herbert Seavey,	"	9 45	
C. H. Pettee,	"	3 95	
E. J. York,	"	23 83	
W. S. Edgerly,	"	3 77	
C. S. Langley,	"	7 95	
John Batty,	"	13 20	
Mabel C. Canney,	"Packer's Falls"	1 13	
John W. Berry	"	14 05	
John W. Berry, "Point"		18 81	
			$555 62

TRANSPORTATION.

Herman Niemi	$22 00
R. S. Otis, 1907.....	11 00
R. S. Otis, 1908.....	22 00
F. M. Pinkham.....	22 00
Andrew Sullivan.....	22 00
Lester Ladderbush.....	22 00

C. H. Provost.....	22 00	
F. E. Doe 2nd.....	22 00	
		$165 00

CARRYING WATER.

Philip Watson.....	$5 00	
Philip Pinkham.....	4 50	
		$9 50

INSURANCE.

J. H. Stevens.....	$40 00	
F. E. Doe.....	34 00	
Albert DeMeritt.....	24 00	
		$98 00

NOTE AND INTEREST.

Newmarket National Bank..... $357 53

WALTER S. EDGERLY, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the School District, and find them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

We find that the Board of Education, in an emergency, have borrowed $146.28 from money raised for other purposes to pay repair bills. We reccommend that this amount be raised the comming year for repairs to replace the money thus used.

C. H. PATTEE,
P. J. CONNER,
Auditors.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

1908. Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of child.	No. of child	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Mar. 2	Durham	Thomas Wright	5	Harry F. Hall	Katherine Ham
Mar. 8	"	Samuel Taylor	1	Samuel T. Adams	C. Emily Watson
Mar. 8	"	Watson Clark	2	Samuel T. Adams	C. Emily Watson
May 17	"	Gertrude	3	George F. Bunker	Eva Cate
June 12	"		10	Lester Ladderbush	Emma Foucher
Aug. 11	"	Joseph Newton	6	Arthur F. Nesbit	Sarah MacLane
Sept. 21	"	Earle W	1	J. Guy Smart	Vella M. Smith
Sept. 21	"	Sarah	2	Charles H. Jones	Mabel Stearns
Oct. 10	"	Ellen Hastings	2	Fred W. Morse	Lelia White
Dec. 31	"	Julia	2	Fred W. Taylor	Jessie Stokes

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

1908. Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each.	Age	Place of Birth.	By Whom Married.
July 22	Newmarket	Herbert C. Gray	Durham	29	Newmarket	Jonh C. Prince
		Mrs. Lillian F. Blood	"	23	Boston, Mass	Minister
Aug 20	Durham	Elmer Seth Savage	Lancaster	24	Lancaster	Thomas E. Riley
		Clara Blanford	Durham	24	T. B. Pr. George Co. Md.	Catholic Priest
Oct. 5	Rochester	Albert D. Littlehale	"	24	Paris, Me	D. B. Dow
		S. Alice Willey	"	24	Durham	Clergyman

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908.

1908. Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.	Place of Birth.	Disease or Cause of Death.
Jan. 26	Durham	Dudley P. Meader	80	Durham	Internal Hemorrhage and Chronic Gastritis
Feb. 13	Durham	John N. Brown	64	Hanover	Paralysis
Feb. 28	"	Hunkin H. Dame	68	Durham	Uremia and Heart Disease
May 1	"	James W. Burnham	52	"	Bright's Disease
May 6	"	Daniel W. Quimby	85		Arterio Sclerosis and Old Age
July 18	"	Carry Lucy Warren	23	Newmarket	Tuberculosis
Sept. 4	"	Mary Cyr	24	Caribou, Me.	Consumption
Sept. 20	"	John D. Meader	84	Durham	Bright's Disease
Sept. 23	"	Mrs. Julia E. Meader	74	Barnstead	Suicide by Hanging
Oct. 21	"	Augusta L. Tibbits	83	Portsmouth	Cancer
Dec. 29	"	Maria W. Ragan	91	Woodstock, Vt.	Old Age